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Status

1) Responsive to communication(s) filed on Amendment and RCE 23 February 2004.

2a) This action is **FINAL**. 2b) This action is non-final.

3) Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

4) Claim(s) 1,2,4-9,12,13,22,23 and 27-35 is/are pending in the application.
4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.

5) Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.

6) Claim(s) 1,2,4-9,12,13,22,23 and 27-35 is/are rejected.

7) Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.

8) Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

9) The specification is objected to by the Examiner.

10) The drawing(s) filed on 18 November 2002 is/are: a) accepted or b) objected to by the Examiner.

 Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).

 Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).

11) The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

12) Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
a) All b) Some * c) None of:
1. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
3. Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

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Attachment(s)

- 1) Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- 2) Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- 3) Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08)
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4) Interview Summary (PTO-413)
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5) Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)

6) Other: ____ .

DETAILED ACTION

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

1. The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

2. Claims 1, 2, 4-9, 12, 13, 22, 23, 27-35 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Wiklof et al. (U. S. Patent No. 5,825,995) in view of Coulter et al. (U. S. Patent No. 4,233,749).

Wiklof et al. discloses a measurement and marking device, comprising: a housing (102); a position sensing assembly (126) mounted in the housing and adapted to sense a position of the housing relative to an object (141) as the housing is moved along a surface of the object (Col 6, lines 6-42); a printhead assembly (110) mounted in the housing and adapted to print (112) on the surface of the object as the housing is moved along the surface of the object (Col 3, lines 55-63); a controller (124) mounted in the housing and communicating with the positional sensing assembly and the printhead assembly, wherein the controller is adapted to operate the printhead assembly to print a mark on the surface of the object based on the position of the housing relative to the object as the housing is moved along the surface of the object (Col 4, lines 28-45), a user interface (128) mounted on the housing and communicating with the controller (Figs. 1-2), the user interface including an input configured for operation by a user (Col 4, lines 28-44 and Col 5, lines 50-57), wherein the housing has a first side (114) adapted to be oriented substantially parallel with the surface of the object as the housing is moved along the surface of the object and

includes a first opening (150) formed in the first side and a second opening (113) formed in the first side, wherein the positional sensing assembly communicates with the first side of the housing through the first opening and the printhead assembly communicates with the first side of the housing through the second opening (Fig. 1).

Wiklof et al. discloses the measurement and marking device whereon the controller is adapted to operate the printhead assembly to print a plurality of markings on the surface of the object at predetermined intervals as the housing is moved along the surface of the object (Col 3, line 64-Col 2, line 13).

Wiklof et al. discloses the measurement and marking device wherein the plurality of markings represent on of standard measurement and scaled measurements (Col 13, lines 21-56).

Wiklof et al. discloses the measurement and marking device wherein the printhead assembly is adapted to print at least one of graphics and text of a surface of the object as the housing is moved along the surface of the object (Col 1, lines 54-66 and Col 4, lines 45-65).

Wiklof et al. discloses the measurement and marking device wherein the position sensing assembly includes a wheel (116) rotatably mounted in the housing (Fig. 3), wherein the wheel is adapted to contact the surface of the object and rotate as the housing is moved along the surface of the object, and wherein the controller is adapted to determine the position of the housing relative to the object based on the rotation of the wheel (Col 6, lines 25-63).

Wiklof et al. discloses the measurement and marking device wherein the positional sensing assembly includes an optical sensor (163) mounted in the housing (Fig. 3), wherein the optical sensor is adapted to sense the surface of the object as the housing is moved along the surface of the object (Col 6, lines 25-63).

Wiklof et al. discloses a measurement and marking device wherein the printhead assembly includes a plurality of orifices formed in a front thereof (plurality of printing elements would have a plurality of orifices for the ink to come out), wherein the front face communicates with the first side of the housing (Col 4, lines 1-13).

Wiklof et al. discloses the measurement and marking device comprising a power supply (198) mounted in the housing (Col 7, lines 50-64) wherein the power supply supplies power to the measurement and marking device (Fig. 4).

Wiklof et al. discloses a method of transferring a measurement of a first object to a second object, the method comprising: moving a housing (102) along a surface of the first object (141), including orienting a first side (114) of the housing substantially parallel with the surface of the first object (Col 17, lines 19-36); sensing a position of the housing relative to the first object with a positional sensing assembly (126) mounted in the housing and communicating with the first side of the housing through a first opening (150) in the first side of the housing as the housing is moved along the surface of the first object; locating a feature of the first object, including recording the position of the housing at the feature of the first object (Col 17, line 19-Col 18, line 6); moving the housing along a surface of the second object, including orienting the first side of the housing substantially parallel with the surface of the second object (Col 17, lines 19-36 and Col 2, lines 8-29); sensing a position of the housing relative to the second object with the positional sensing assembly as the housing is moved along the surface of the second object (Col 17, line 19-Col 18, line 6 and Col 2, lines 8-29); and printing a mark representing the feature of the first object on the surface of the second object with a printhead assembly (110) mounting in the housing and communicating with the first side of the housing through a second

opening (113) in the first side of the housing when the position of the housing relative to the second object coincides with the position of the housing at the feature of the first object (Col 18, lines 7-15 and Col 2, lines 8-29).

Wiklof et al. does not disclose a measurement and marking device and method of printing wherein the controller is adapted to store the position of the housing relative to the object as a measurement of the object when the input of the user interface is operated by the user; comprising receiving and storing a predetermined position for printing of the measurement marking at a controller within the housing.

Coulter et al. discloses a measurement and marking device (Fig. 1) wherein the controller (34) is adapted to store the position of the housing relative to the object as a measurement of the object when the input of the user interface is operated by the user (Col 2, lines 39-67).

Coulter et al. discloses the measurement and marking device wherein the positional sensing assembly is adapted to sense a position of the housing relative to a first object and measure a dimension of the first object as the housing is moved along a surface of the first object, wherein the positional sensing assembly is adapted to sense a position of the housing relative to a second object as the housing is moved along a surface of a second object, and wherein the controller is adapted to operate the printhead assembly to print the mark on the surface of the second object based on the dimension of the first object and the position of the housing relative to the second object as the housing is moved along the surface of the second object (Col 2, line 39-Col 3, line 48 and Col 5, line 11-Col 6, line 53).

Coulter et al. discloses the measurement and marking device wherein the controller is adapted to operate the printhead assembly to print the mark on the surface of the second object

based on the position of the housing relative to the first object when the input is operated by the user and the position of the housing relative to the second object as the housing is moved along a surface of the second object (Col 5, line 11-Col 6, line 53).

Coulter et al. discloses a method of transferring a measurement of a first object to a second object, the method comprising: receiving user input at a feature of the first object and storing the position of the housing at the feature of the first object as a measurement of the first object with a controller (34) mounted in the housing (Col 2, lines 39-67 and Col 5, line 11-Col 6, line 53).

Coulter et al. discloses the method wherein the step of sensing the position of the housing relative to the first object includes measuring a dimension of the first object, wherein locating the feature of the first object includes measuring at least one of a dimension to the feature of the first object and a dimension of the feature of the second object, and wherein printing the mark on the surface of the second object includes printing the mark on the surface of the second object when the position of the housing relative to the second object coincides with the at least one of the dimension to the feature of the first object and the dimension of the feature of the first object (Col 2, lines 39-67 and Col 5, line 11-Col 6, line 53).

Coulter et al. discloses a measurement and marking device and method wherein the positional sensing assembly is adapted to measure a dimension of a first object as the housing is moved along a surface of the first object, and wherein the controller is adapted to operate the printhead assembly to print the mark on a surface of a second object at predetermined intervals within the dimension of the first object as the housing is moved along the surface of the second object (Col 2, lines 39-67 and Col 5, line 11-Col 6, line 53).

It would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to modify the measurement and marking device of Wiklof et al. to be adapted to record the position of the housing relative to the object when the input of the user interface is operated by the user and receive and store a predetermined position for printing of the measurement marking, as taught by Coulter et al., so that the measurement and marking device would accurately print at preselected positions determined and inputted by the user (Coulter et al., Col 1, lines 40-53).

Response to Arguments

3. Regarding new claims 34 and 35: The subject matter claimed in claims 34 and 35 is already presented in claims 1 and 22, respectively, therefore, the rejections of claims 1 and 22 also include a rejection of claims 34 and 35.

4. Applicant's arguments filed 09 December 2003, and entered with the RCE filed 23 February 2004 have been fully considered but they are not persuasive.

Regarding Applicant's arguments that Wiklof et al. and Coulter et al. patents in combination do not teach or suggest a measurement and marking device wherein a controller is adapted to store a position of the housing relative to an object as a measurement of an object wherein an input of the user interface is operated by a user, nor a method of transferring a measurement of a first object to a second object, including receiving user input at a feature of the first object and storing the position of the housing at the feature of the first object as a measurement of the first object with the controller mounted in the housing (See Remarks, page 8, last paragraph), Examiner respectfully disagrees.

Wiklof et al. discloses a measurement and marking device wherein a controller is adapted to record a position of the housing relative to an object as a measurement of an object wherein an input of the user interface is operated by a user, and a method of transferring a measurement of a first object to a second object, including receiving user input at a feature of the first object and recording the position of the housing at the feature of the first object as a measurement of the first object with the controller mounted in the housing (Wiklof et al. Col 4, lines 28-44, specifically lines 36-44, and Col 17, line 19-Col 18, line 10 and Figs. 1 and 2). Coulter et al. discloses a measurement and marking device adapted to store data (Coulter et al. Col 2, lines 30-60). Therefore, the combination of Wiklof et al. and Coulter et al. would perform the functions as claimed by the applicant, including storing the data.

Conclusion

5. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Amy R Cohen whose telephone number is (571) 272-2238. The examiner can normally be reached on 8 am - 5 pm, M-F.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Diego F. Gutierrez can be reached on (571) 272-2245. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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